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accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56;



DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Method and System for Maintaining a Communications Protocol Session

the specification of which:
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[] is attached hereto;
[] was filed on, and identified as Attorney Docket No, and was amended on (if applicable);
[X] was filed as United States Application Serial No. <u>09/650,729</u> on <u>August 30, 2000</u> , and was amended on (if applicable);
I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I do not know and do not believe said invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to said application; that said invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said application; that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than six months prior to said application;

information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of said invention in

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

(Application Number)

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